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### **Grand Jury Indicts Albert Haynesworth On Charge of Misdemeanor Sexual Abuse -Accused of Fondling Server at Northwest Washington Lounge -**

WASHINGTON - Albert Haynesworth III, 29, was indicted today by a grand jury in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia on a charge of misdemeanor sexual abuse, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Haynesworth, of Knoxville, Tenn., is accused of fondling a server while at the rooftop lounge of a Northwest Washington hotel. If convicted of the misdemeanor charge, he faces up to 180 days in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000. An arraignment date has not yet been set.

According to the government's evidence, on February 13, 2011, Haynesworth was among a group of patrons in a cordoned-off section of the P.O.V. Lounge, which is on the rooftop terrace of the W Hotel. At about 2 a.m., according to the government's evidence, Haynesworth slid a credit card down the front of his server's dress and fondled her breast.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of criminal laws and is not evidence of guilt. Every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

The case was investigated by the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and is being prosecuted by the Sex Offense and Domestic Violence Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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